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1. AS WE HAVE INDICATED IN PREVIOUS MESSAGES, WE
EXPECT TO ENTER ANOTHER PERIOD OF NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WE
ASSUME WILL SUCCEED. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, WE BELIEVE WE
MUST HAVE AUTHORITY TO INCREASE OUR STAFF IN VIENTIANE
AS WE DEEM NECESSARY.

2. GSO JOHN POWELL HAS ARRIVED, BRINGING TOTAL COMPLEMENT UP
TO 23. WE WOULD PROPOSE TO BRING IN ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL IN
FOLLOWING ORDER OF PRIORITY:

- A. 1 C&R ASSISTANT
- B. 2 MARINE SECURITY GUARDS
- C. 1 PERSONNEL OFFICER
- D. 1 SECRETARY
- E. MR. AND MRS. JOHNSON (POL OFF AND CONSUL)
- F. 1 SECRETARY

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3. WE WOULD ALSO WISH FSIO CONVERSE TO RETURN FOR

SHORT OVERLAP WITH FSIO DAKS BEFORE HE DEPARTS ON HOME LEAVE WHICH ALREADY DELAYED FOR ONE MONTH. LOSS OF DAKS' LANGUAGE CAPABILITY WOULD REQUIRE RETURN OF JOHNSON TO SUPPLEMENT THAT OF MS. CONVERSE AND STRENGTHEN POL AT TIME WHEN WE EXPECT A GOOD DEAL OF DRAFTING.

4. WITHIN FEW DAYS ON ASSUMPTION NEGOTIATIONS APPEARED SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED WE WOULD HAVE 31 MEMBERS ON BOARD. ONCE COMPOUNDS RETURNED WE WOULD BRING BACK BALANCE OF STAFF TOTALLING 37. (REDUCTION FROM EARLIER RESIDUAL FIGURE OF 38 ACCOUNTED FOR BY DEPARTURE OF UAE CONTRACT EMPLOYEE EUGENE WALLACE.)

5. WE HAVE BEEN OPERATING AT THE REDUCED LEVEL FOR SEVEN DAYS AND EVERYONE HAS DONE ADMIRABLY. HOWEVER, IT IS TOO MUCH TO EXPECT ONE SECRETARY, ONE COMMUNICATOR, AND 3 MARINE GUARDS TO CONTINUE TO CARRY THE LOAD REQUIRED OF THEM. THE PRESENCE OF THE PERSONNEL OFFICER IS ALSO ESSENTIAL TO SHORE UP THE MORALE OF THE LOCAL EMPLOYEES OF THE EMBASSY AND USIS WHO HAVE REMAINED LOYAL THROUGHOUT THIS PAST WEEK. THEY ARE UNDER TREMENDOUS PRESSURES BY THE DEMONSTRATORS TO JOIN THEM. OTHER OFFICERS ARE PROVIDING PEPTALKS DAILY, BUT THERE IS SPECIAL RAPPORT BETWEEN THESE EMPLOYEES AND PER OFFICER MACCALLUM WHICH WOULD BE OF SPECIAL VALUE AT THIS TIME.

6. WE REQUEST PRIORITY APPROVAL TO PROCEED, ON BASIS OUR BEST JUDGMENT, AS OUTLINED ABOVE.
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